

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
WESTERN DIVISION**

DAVID A. STEBBINS

PLAINTIFF

V.

4:16CV545 JM

**STATE OF ARKANSAS, ARKANSAS
REHABILITATION SERVICES, AND
AMY JONES**

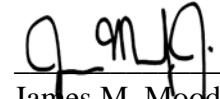
DEFENDANTS

ORDER

Plaintiff asks the Court to order a “federally funded mediation” in his case. It is the Court’s policy to refer parties for a settlement conference with a United States Magistrate Judge only if all parties are willing to participate and agree that a settlement conference would be beneficial. Defendants in this case were served with summons on October 20, 2016. (ECF No. 11, 12) and have not yet filed a responsive pleading. Therefore, the Court finds it premature to refer the case to a magistrate for settlement conference at this time.

Plaintiff’s Motion (ECF No. 9) is denied without prejudice.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 3rd day of November, 2016.



James M. Moody Jr.
United States District Judge